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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 28

Introduced by Assembly Member Obernolte

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 28—Relative to daylight saving time.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 28, as amended, Obernolte. Daylight saving time.

This measure would memorialize the Congress and the President to enact legislation that would allow a state to adopt daylight saving time year round.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California is committed to attaining
2 50 percent of its energy generation from renewable sources and

1 to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below
2 its 1990 level by 2030; and

3 WHEREAS, Daylight saving time was a widely used 20th
4 century energy reduction tool that can be expanded to meet 21st
5 century energy shortages; and

6 WHEREAS, A 2004 study from Rutgers University titled “The
7 Effects of Daylight and Daylight Saving Time on United States
8 Pedestrian Fatalities and Motor Vehicle Occupant Fatalities” found
9 that year-round daylight saving time would reduce pedestrian
10 fatalities by 171 or 13 percent of all pedestrian fatalities per year
11 in the 5 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 9 p.m. time periods and reduce motor
12 vehicle occupants fatalities by 195 or 3 percent per year in the
13 same time period; and

14 WHEREAS, A 2015 study in The Review of Economics and
15 Statistics titled “Under the Cover of Darkness: How Ambient Light
16 Influences Criminal Activity” estimated a 7 percent decrease in
17 robberies following the shift to daylight saving time; and

18 WHEREAS, Scientists have connected a number of health
19 consequences with the act of switching between standard time and
20 daylight saving time, including greater risks of heart attacks (New
21 England Journal of Medicine, 2008), more frequent traffic accidents
22 (New England Journal of Medicine, 1996) and workplace injuries
23 (Journal of Applied Psychology, 2009), and increased suicide rates
24 in the days immediately after the switch (Sleep and Biological
25 Rhythms, 2008); and

26 WHEREAS, Although neither standard time nor daylight saving
27 time produces much energy reduction for the coldest states during
28 the more frigid months of the year, California enjoys a temperate
29 climate that would afford greater reductions in energy use by
30 utilizing a year-round daylight saving time plan; and

31 WHEREAS, The federal Uniform Time Act of 1966 allows
32 states to decline application of daylight saving time and provides
33 states with the option of practicing standard time year round, but
34 does not allow states to practice daylight saving time year round;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, By applying daylight saving time uniformly, the
37 state could avoid any inconsistencies in time application that would
38 otherwise impact and confuse the broadcasting, rail, airline, and
39 motor coach industries; and

1 WHEREAS, In House of Representatives Report No. 99-185
2 from the Committee on Energy and Commerce, numerous benefits
3 are listed in support of the extension of daylight saving time,
4 including significant energy conservation, improved traffic safety,
5 reduction in crime, economic growth, and overwhelming public
6 support; and

7 WHEREAS, The state would greatly benefit from having the
8 option of extending daylight saving time year round; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
11 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature of the State of California
12 respectfully memorializes the United States Congress and the
13 President of the United States to enact legislation that would allow
14 a state to adopt daylight saving time year round; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
16 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
17 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each
18 Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the
19 United States.